## Indian Lake Shores Fire District Meeting April 20th, 2016

Members present: John Mycroft, Stu Westin, Bob Persson, Jim Eastwood, Karla Steele, Pat J. Giarrusso, Pat L Giarrusso, Hiro Uchida, Jane Bessette

The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM

The president asked if anyone had questions or corrections to the secretary's report from the last meeting. None were voiced so a motion was made and seconded to accept the secretary's report. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The treasurer's report was read and discussed.

Hiro also reported that a resident had asked for a slight extension on a promised tax payment. This resident had received the letters, per our procedure, outlining the consequences of non payment. The council had previously voted on and agreed to the payment plan due to extenuating circumstances.

John made a motion to take a vote on whether to extend the deadline a few days. The council voted to do so. John and Stu would both like to be on record as opposed. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurers report.

## New business:

The treasurer will be going on sabbatical to Japan on June 9th. A discussion ensued on Pat J's effort to find a replacement for the year. A resident, Ken Spagnoli (who previously was a council member and officer)has agreed to take on some of the responsibilities. Hiro stated that he (Hiro) can do much of the job remotely. It was suggested, voted on and decided to appoint the resident to become a council member and take on the role of assistant treasurer.

John reported on the results of the landscaping bids. Three bids were received. Our current landscaper, Ben Fontaine had the lowest bid at \$5695. The other bids were considerably higher at \$6600 and \$11,000. After a discussion of Ben's work and the particulars of the contract, a motion was made to award the bid to Ben, and to ask him to agree to a 2 year contract at the same price. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

Stu reported that the parking area at south plat is in disrepair and the berm makes it difficult for the landscaper to get his mower onto the grass. A discussion resulted in the suggestion to cut away part of the concrete berm as a temporary solution and to further discuss the removal or replacement of the berm.

John told us that the rafts are floating, due to the fact that there is only one 5 gallon drum secured to the rafts. It was determined that they need something more substantial. John will get supplies.

The secretary would like to resign her position. President Pat asked if anyone on the council was interested. Since there were no takers, the position is open and we will try to find someone at the annual meeting.

## **Old Business**

The berm needed to prevent erosion at the north beach was discussed. Karla will call an architect and get ideas on what materials we could use.

Concerning our request to have Union Fire District take on the fire tax collection, John has talked to our attorney, Mr. Donnelly, who said that the UFD attorney is holding things up by not returning calls.

The date for the spring clean up will be May 21. The secretary will make signs and the fun will begin at 9am.

Pat reported that our efforts to diminish the population of geese is working. When the volunteers went out this year, they saw less eggs and nests than last year. All of the required paperwork has all been filed.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 15th at 7PM at Pat's house.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53.

Respectfully submitted, Pat L. Giarrusso Secretary, Indian Lake Shores Fire District Council